

**Listing of Claims**

1 - 84. (Cancelled).

85. (Currently Amended). A method for forming an immune complex, the method comprising:

- a) providing beta-amyloid in the presence of physiological levels of human serum albumin;
- b) forming an incubation mixture comprising the components of step a) and an antibody specific for a beta-amyloid epitope; ~~and~~
- c) incubating the mixture of step b) under conditions appropriate for the binding of antibody to antigen; and
- d) detecting the immune complex of beta-amyloid and antibody specific for a beta-amyloid epitope.

86. (Currently Amended). A method for forming an immune complex, the method comprising:

- a) providing beta-amyloid in the presence of up to 60 mg/ml human serum albumin;
- b) forming an incubation mixture comprising the components of step a) and an antibody specific for a beta-amyloid epitope; ~~and~~
- c) incubating the mixture of step b) under conditions appropriate for the binding of antibody to antigen; and
- d) detecting the immune complex of beta-amyloid and antibody specific for a beta-amyloid epitope.